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# SIMPLIFIED COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR THE ANALYSIS OF PHASE CHANGE IN LIQUID FACE SEALS

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16. Abstract  <b>A simplified computer program is presented which allows for the prediction of boiling (phase change) in liquid face seals. The program determines if and when boiling occurs and then calculates the location of the boiling interface, pressure and temperature profiles, and load. The main assumption which allows for a simplified analysis is the assumption of an isothermal gas phase. The results compare almost identically with the more exact analysis of Hughes and Kennedy and allow for a much simpler program which should be of immediate use to the design engineer. The conclusions are identical to those of the previous Hughes-Kennedy report, and this report serves as an extension of that report in terms of computational technique.</b>			
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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to present a simplified computer program capable of predicting boiling behavior in aligned liquid face seals. The mathematical model used is the same as that used by Hughes and Kennedy [1] with the exception that a further simplification is made that the vapor region is assumed isothermal. The previous results show this to be a reasonable assumption which greatly simplifies the analysis and calculations.

## ANALYSIS

This analysis is based on the seal model shown in Figure 1. The following assumptions have been made throughout the modeling process:

- 1) The liquid flashes instantaneously to a vapor.
- 2) The vapor region is isothermal.
- 3) The flow is axisymmetric.
- 4) Inertia effects in the fluid are neglected.
- 5) Heat conduction in the radial direction within the fluid is neglected.
- 6) The seal plates can be treated as semi-infinite solids.
- 7) The fluid temperature does not vary across the film and is equal to the surface temperature of the seal plates.

### General Equations--Steady State

The equations of motion which describe the fluid flow between the seal plates are

$$r: \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\theta: 0 = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} \quad (2)$$

for the radial and angular components. The mass flow rate is

$$m = 2\pi r \int_0^h \rho u dz = \text{constant} \quad (3)$$

from the continuity equation. The temperature in the film may be expressed as:

$$dT = \frac{q(r)}{4\pi k} [(R - r \cos\theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2\theta]^{-1/2} R dR d\theta \quad (4)$$

which was derived in the previous report.  $k$  is the mean thermal conductivity of both face plate and nose piece.

Solving (1) with the boundary conditions that  $u = 0$  at  $z = 0$  and  $z = h$  yields

$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dP}{dr} z (z - h) \quad (5)$$

Solving (2) with the boundary conditions that  $V = 0$  at  $z = 0$  and  $V = r\omega$  at  $z = h$  yields

$$V = r\omega \frac{z}{h} \quad (6)$$

Substitution of (5) into (3) yields the expression

$$m = \frac{-\pi\rho}{6\mu} r h^3 \frac{dP}{dr} \quad (7)$$

Equation (4) has been integrated for the configuration in Figure 2 by Hughes and Osterle [2] and discussed in general terms in the previous reports. The results are given below.

For  $r_1' < r < r_2'$  (liquid region):

$$T(r) = \frac{\mu\omega^2 r^3}{2kh} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r_1'}{r} \right)^{2n+4} \right] + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{r_2'} \right)^{2n-3} \right] \right\} + T_{\infty} \quad (8a)$$

For  $r < r_1'$  (inside the liquid region):

$$T(r) = \frac{\mu\omega^2 r^3}{2kh} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{r_2'} \right)^{2n-3} \right] - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{r_1'} \right)^{2n-3} \right] \right\} + T_{\infty} \quad (8b)$$

For  $r > r_2'$  (outside the liquid region):

$$T(r) = \frac{\mu\omega^2 r^3}{2kh} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r_1'}{r} \right)^{2n+4} \right] + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r_2'}{r} \right)^{2n+4} \right] \right\} + T_{\infty} \quad (8c)$$

where

$$A_n = \frac{1}{2n+4} \frac{[(2n)!]^2}{(n!)^4 \cdot 2^{4n}}$$

$$B_n = \frac{1}{2n-3} \frac{[(2n)!]^2}{(n!)^4 \cdot 2^{4n}}$$

For this analysis only the first of these equations is needed. The necessary logical substitutions are presented in Figure 3.

Assuming the specific volume of a vapor to be much larger than that of a liquid and that the vapor acts like an ideal gas, the Clapeyron equation can be written

$$\left(\frac{dP}{P}\right)_{\text{sat}} = \frac{h_{fg}}{R} \left(\frac{dT}{T^2}\right)_{\text{sat}} \quad (9)$$

The ideal gas law states

$$\frac{P}{\rho_v} = RT \quad (10)$$

### Particular Equations--Steady State

The above equations can now be manipulated to define the behavior of the liquid. In order to simplify the logic required for inside and outside seals two subscripts,  $i$  and  $o$ , will be used.  $X_i$  refers to a dimension or property,  $X$ , of the seal or fluid entering the seal space, and  $X_o$  refers to a dimension or property of the seal or fluid exiting the seal space. Thus for an inside seal ( $P_1 > P_2$ )  $P_i = P_1$ ,  $r_i = r_1$ ,  $P_o = P_2$ ,  $r_o = r_2$ , etc. For an outside seal ( $P_1 < P_2$ )  $P_i = P_2$ ,  $r_i = r_2$ ,  $P_o = P_1$ ,  $r_o = r_1$ , etc.

Equation (7) can be integrated for the pressure in the liquid region ( $\rho = \text{constant}$ )

$$P - P_i = \frac{-6\mu}{\pi \rho h^3} \ln r/r_i \quad (11a)$$

or in dimensionless form

$$\frac{P - P_i}{P_b - P_i} = \frac{\ln r/r_i}{\ln r_b/r_i} \quad (11b)$$

For the vapor region, assuming isothermal flow at the flash temperature, the ideal gas equation is used to find  $\rho$  and the integration of (7) yields

$$p^2 - p_b^2 = - \frac{12\mu_g m RT_b}{\pi h^3} \ln r/r_b \quad (12a)$$

or in dimensionless form

$$\frac{p^2 - p_b^2}{p_o^2 - p_b^2} = \frac{\ln r/r_b}{\ln r_o/r_b} \quad (12b)$$

$p_b$  can now be found by equating the leakage of the vapor in (12a) to the leakage of the liquid in (11a)

$$\frac{(p_b - p_i) \rho_l}{\mu \ln r_b/r_i} = \frac{(p_o^2 - p_b^2)}{2\mu_g RT_b \ln r_o/r_b}$$

Solving

$$p_b = [A^2 + 2Ap_i + p_o^2]^{1/2} - A \quad (13)$$

where

$$A = \frac{\rho_l \mu_g RT_b \ln r_o/r_b}{\mu \ln r_b/r_i}$$

The Clapeyron equation (9), is used to test if the correct value of  $r_b$  has been chosen. Assuming  $h_{fg}$  constant, the integration of (9) yields

$$\frac{p_{bc}}{p_{sat}} = \exp\left[-\frac{h_{fg}}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_b} - \frac{1}{T_{sat}}\right)\right] \quad (14)$$

where  $T_{sat}$  and  $p_{sat}$  describe a reference saturation point sufficiently close to  $T_b$  and  $p_{bc}$  so that  $h_{fg}$  may be considered constant.



When  $P_{bc}$  is sufficiently close to  $P_b$ , the leakage and load characteristics of the seal may be found. The leakage is found by using either equations (11a) or (12a).

The absolute load,  $W$ , supported by the seal is found by

$$W = \int_a^b P \cdot 2\pi r \, dr = W_\ell + W_v \quad (15)$$

The total load is simply the liquid load,  $W_\ell$ , added to the load of the vapor region,  $W_v$ .  $P$  is given by (11b) for the liquid region and (12b) for the vapor region. The integration gives

$$W_\ell = \pi \left[ P_b r_b^2 - P_i r_i^2 + \frac{(P_b - P_i)(r_i^2 - r_b^2)}{2 \ln r_b/r_i} \right] \quad (16)$$

$$W_v = 2\pi \left[ \int_{r_b}^{r_o} \left[ P_b^2 + (P_o^2 - P_b^2) \frac{\ln r/r_b}{\ln r_o/r_b} \right]^{1/2} r \, dr \right] \quad (17)$$

## COMPUTER PROGRAM

### Logic

Only the logic of the main program will be presented here. The logic of the subprograms is either trivial or stated clearly in the previous sections. The program is listed in Appendix A, and it defines variable names used. See Figure 4 for the flow chart.

The program is written in Fortran and contains four subprograms:

- (1) A factorial subprogram, (2) A temperature distribution subprogram,
- (3) A Clapeyron pressure subprogram, and (4) A gaseous load sub-

program. Input is entered via a data deck which is described below.

XNAME	- the name of the fluid to be sealed (alphabetic)
MU, ( $\mu$ )	- the liquid viscosity (lb-s/ft <sup>2</sup> )
MUG, ( $\mu_g$ )	- the gas viscosity (lb-s/ft <sup>2</sup> )
RHO, ( $\rho$ )	- the liquid density (lbm/ft <sup>3</sup> )
XK, (k)	- the mean plate thermal conductivity (Btu/hr-ft-°R)
RVAP, (R)	- the ideal gas constant (ft-lbf/lbm-°R)
NHFG	- the number of saturation states to be inputted.

The Clapeyron equation, (14), requires that saturation information be inputted for the particular liquid sealed. Because the Clapeyron equation assumes constant  $h_{fg}$ , the use of only one or two states may result in sizeable errors. To correct this, the program reads a saturation state matrix and uses the saturation data for the point closest to  $T_b$ , the temperature at boiling. There must be NHFG of these points supplied (in this case 25 saturation cards were used). The program also requires that these cards be placed in order of increasing saturation pressures. Each card contains the following three values:

PSAT(I), ( $P_{sat}$ ) - any given saturation pressure (psia)  
 TSAT(I), ( $T_{sat}$ ) - the saturation temperature at the above pressure (°F)  
 HFG(I), ( $h_{fg}$ ) - the heat of vaporization at the above temperature and pressure (Btu/lbm).

Figure 6 shows a sample saturation state deck.

The final type of data card required is the seal information card. From left to right on this card appears:

- TINF, ( $T_{\infty}$ ) - the bulk temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ )
- P1, ( $P_1$ ) - the fluid pressure at  $r_1$  (psia)
- P2, ( $P_2$ ) - the fluid pressure at  $r_2$  (psia)
- R1, ( $r_1$ ) - the smaller seal radius (in)
- R2, ( $r_2$ ) - the larger seal radius (in)
- H, (h) - the thickness of the lubricating film ( $\mu$  in)
- OM, ( $\omega$ ) - the angular velocity of the seal (rpm)

There is no limit to the number of seal information cards which can be entered at one time. The only requirement is that the final card must have TINF ( $T_{\infty}$ ) = 10,000. Figure 7 shows a sample seal information deck.

The program uses the data and outputs pressure and temperature distributions, leakage rates, and absolute load. The program is capable of handling liquid seals and gas seals in addition to mixed-phase seals. All output is given in both English and SI units. The computer program and sample output is found in Appendices A and B.

## RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

The computer program (Appendix A) was used to analyze two seal configurations. The first configuration approximates that used by Orcutt [3] ( $r_1 = 2.025$  inches (0.0514 m);  $r_2 = 2.225$  inches (0.0565 m)). The second configuration approximates a commercial seal manufactured

by the Crane Packing Company of Morton Grove, Illinois ( $r_1 = 1.693$  inches (0.0430 m);  $r_2 = 1.849$  inches (0.0470 m)). The thermal conductivity,  $k$ , is chosen to be the average of the thermal conductivities of the two seal plates. For example, in the case of the Orcutt seal  $k$  was taken to be 7.5 Btu/hr-ft<sup>2</sup>-F (13.0 W/m-K), ( $k_{\text{quartz}} \doteq 4.0$  Btu/hr-ft<sup>2</sup>-F (6.9 W/m-K);  $k_{\text{carbon-graphite}} \doteq 11.0$  Btu/hr-ft<sup>2</sup>-F (19.0 W/m-K)). To find the effect of  $k$  on loading, other values were also used. The results of the computations are summarized in Figures 8 - 19.

The following conclusions have been made:

- 1) When phase change is included the pressure distribution is radically different from the simple linear pressure distribution commonly assumed in industry. The forces actually pushing the plates apart is greater due to phase change (Figures 8 and 9).
- 2) Leakage decreases when flashing occurs. The leakage from an inside seal is approximately the same as the leakage from an outside seal (Figure 10).
- 3) The model breaks down when boiling occurs close to the entrance. This apparently happens because the model assumes instantaneous flashing, but when saturation conditions are reached very shortly after entrance into the seal, an extended region of mixed vapor-liquid flow probably exists. This is in agreement with Orcutt's observations (Figure 11).
- 4) For a given seal configuration there are two film thicknesses,  $h$ , which support the same load,  $W$ . When the spacing undergoes a small excursion about the larger equilibrium value (due to a vibration or some other external disturbance), the seal will return to its original position. However, an excursion about the lower space is not stable. An increase in spacing grows until the larger equilibrium spacing is reached, but a

decrease in spacing causes a catastrophic collapse of the seal faces. Metal-to-metal contact or rapid explosive boiling might occur as the spacing decreases. The consequent explosion then forces the plates apart. These phenomena have been observed under certain conditions (Figures 12, 13 and 14).

- 5) For a given seal configuration (and given spacing) there are two angular velocities,  $\omega$ , which produce the same load,  $W$ . The seal is stable at the upper  $\omega$  but unstable at the lower  $\omega$  (Figures 15 and 16).
- 6) For a given seal configuration there are two bulk temperatures,  $T_{\infty}$ , which produce the same load,  $W$ . The seal is stable at the upper  $T_{\infty}$ , but unstable at the lower  $T_{\infty}$  (Figures 17 and 18).
- 7) Varying  $k$  changes the boiling radius and shifts the load curves either left or right. Plates with a high  $k$  will conduct more heat from the fluid and vaporization will occur closer to the exit. A low  $k$  has the opposite effect.
- 8) Equation (8) shows the seal load to be a function of the parameter  $h/\omega^2$ . There are two ratios of  $h/\omega^2$  which support a given seal load. One is stable and the other is unstable. (Figure 19).

## NOMENCLATURE

- $h$  - distance separating the seal plates
- $h_{fg}$  - heat of vaporization
- $k$  - thermal conductivity of the seal plates
- $m$  - mass flow rate
- $\theta$  - circumferential coordinate
- $\rho$  - density
- $P$  - pressure
- $P_{bc}$  - pressure found by the Clapeyron equation, (14)
- $r$  - radial coordinate
- $R$  - ideal gas constant of the vapor
- $T$  - temperature
- $u$  - radial flow velocity component
- $\mu$  - absolute viscosity of the liquid
- $\mu_g$  - absolute viscosity of the vapor
- $V$  - circumferential flow velocity component
- $\omega$  - angular velocity
- $W$  - the absolute load supported by the seal
- $z$  - axial coordinate

### Subscripts

- 1 - a dimension or property of the seal or fluid at the inner radius
- 2 - a dimension or property of the seal or fluid at the outer radius
- b - a dimension or property of the seal or fluid at the boiling radius (liquid-vapor interface)

- 1 - a dimension or property of the seal or fluid at the point where fluid enters the seal space
- l - pertaining to the liquid region
- o - a dimension or property of the seal or fluid at the point where fluid leaves the seal space
- sat - defining a saturation state
- v - pertaining to the vapor region
- $\infty$  - pertaining to the bulk properties

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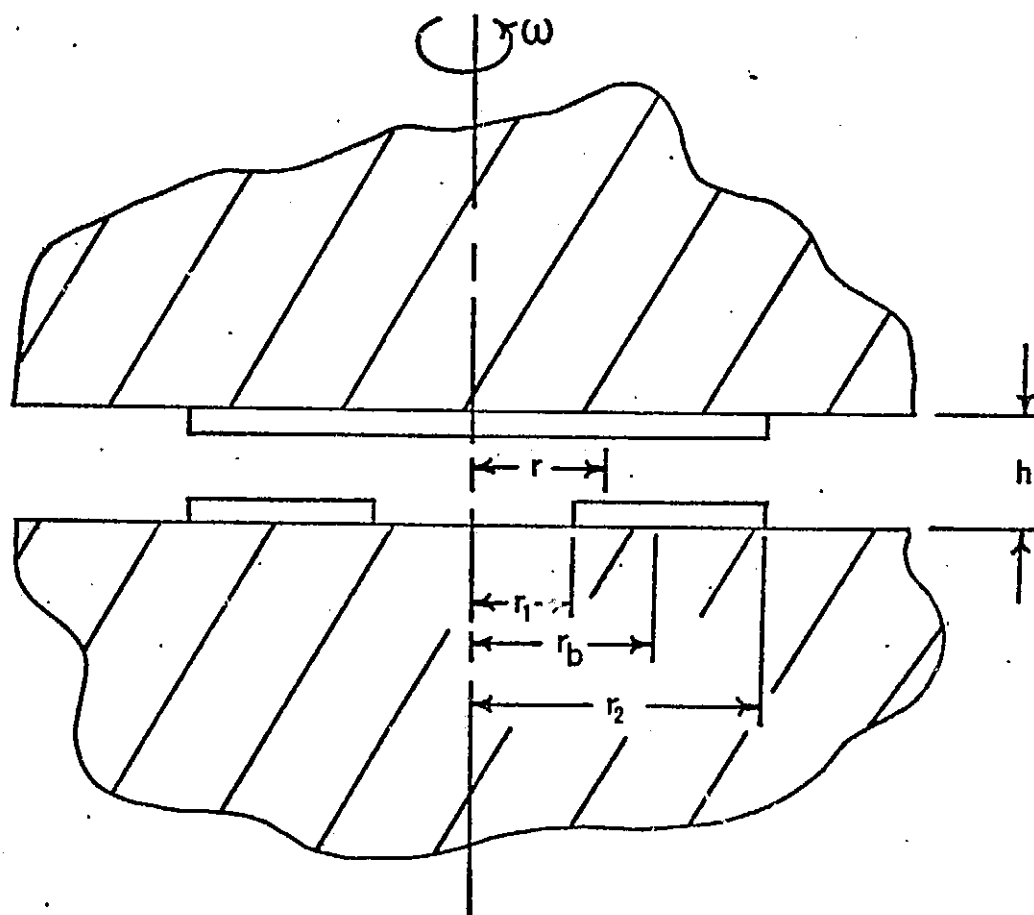


Figure 1. The Semi-Infinite Solid Seal Model.

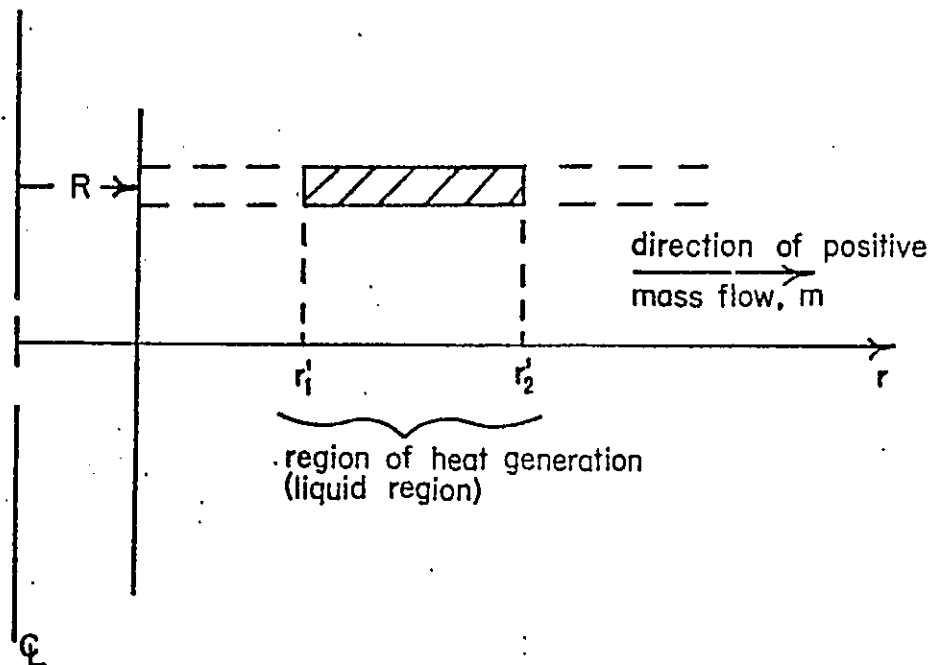


Figure 2. Hughes and Osterle Model for Temperature Distribution on the Surface of a Semi-Infinite Solid.

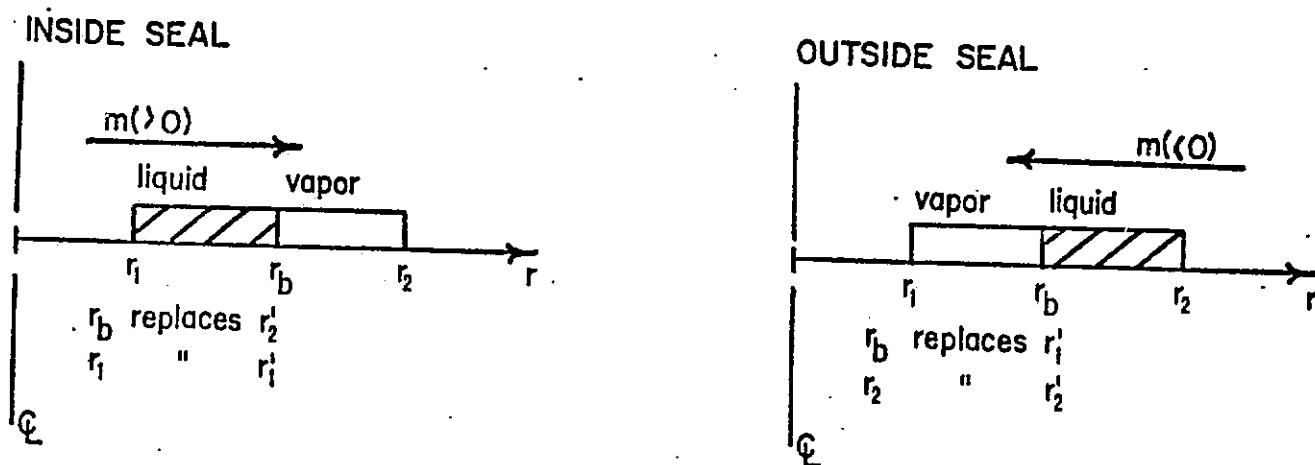


Figure 3. Logical Substitutions for the Temperature Distribution Equation, (8a).

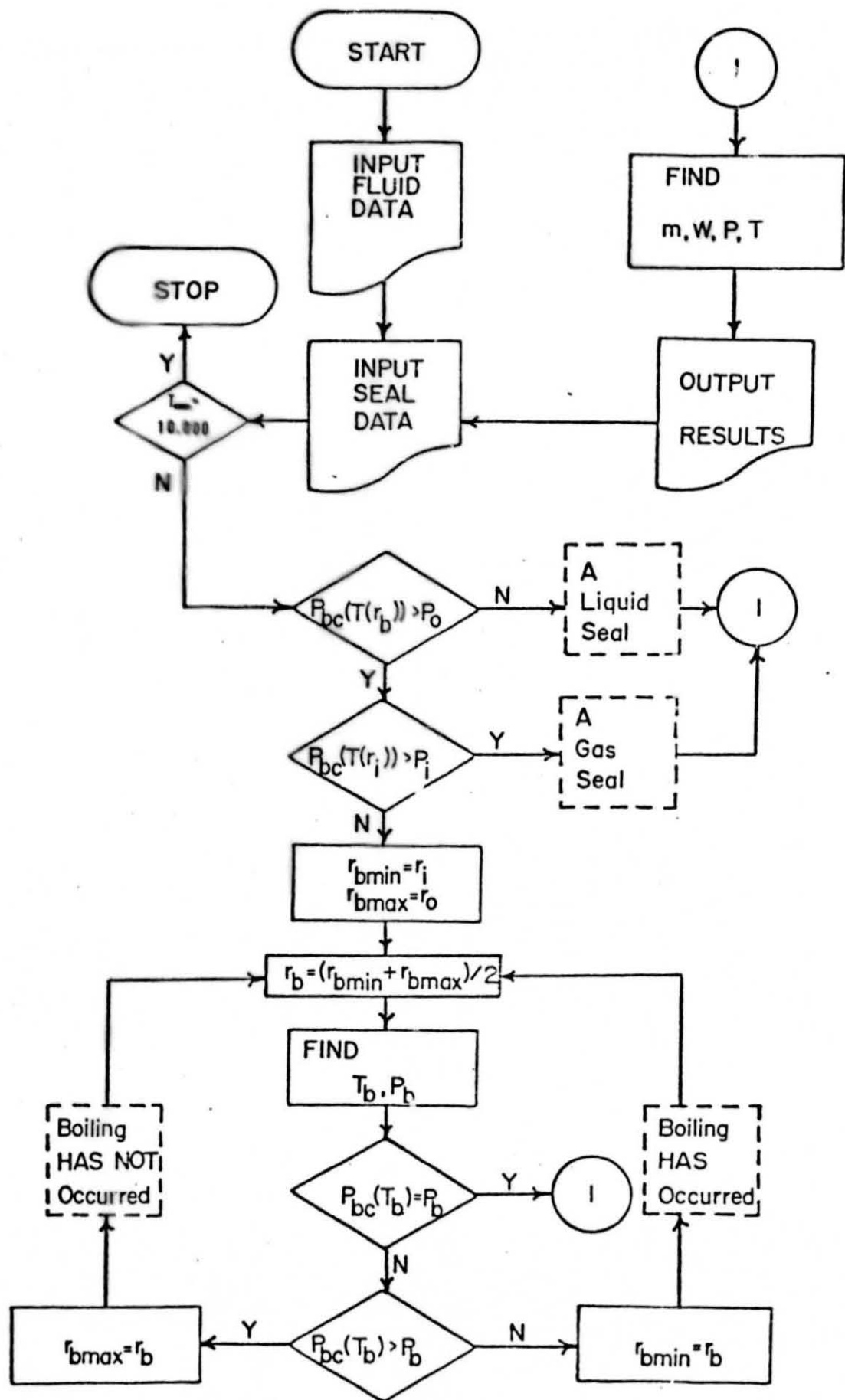


Figure 4. Program Flow Chart.

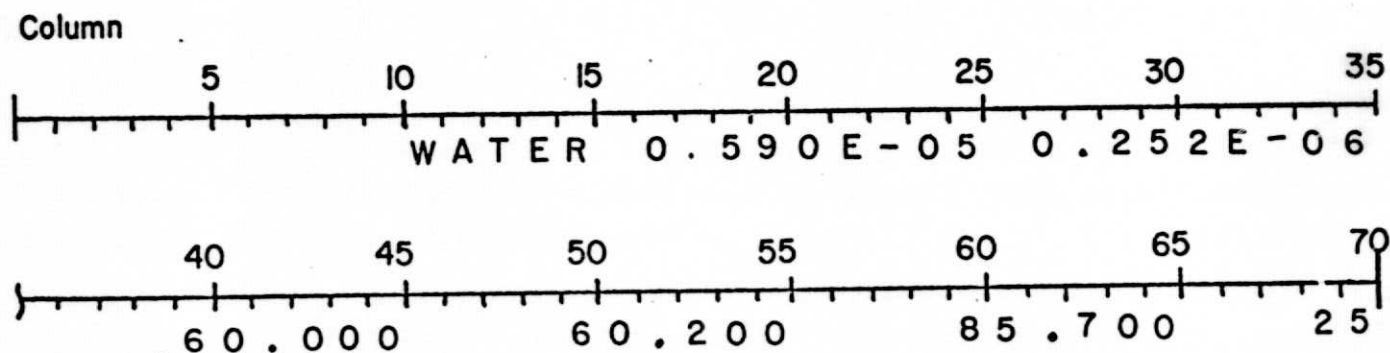


Figure 5. Fluid Information Card for Water.

Figure 6. Saturation State Deck for Water.

Figure 7. Sample Seal Information Deck.

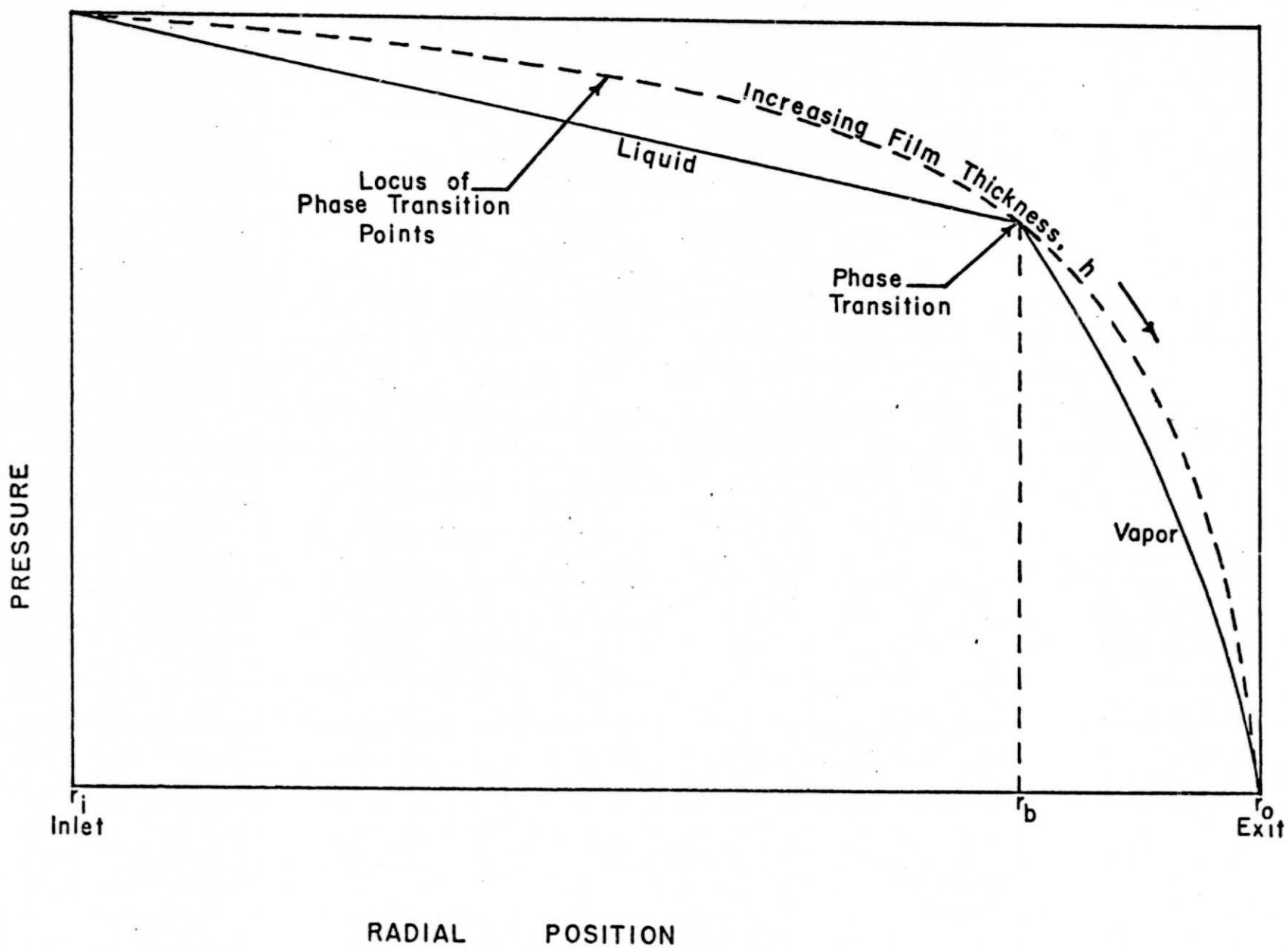


Figure 8. Effect of Phase Change on the Pressure Distribution.



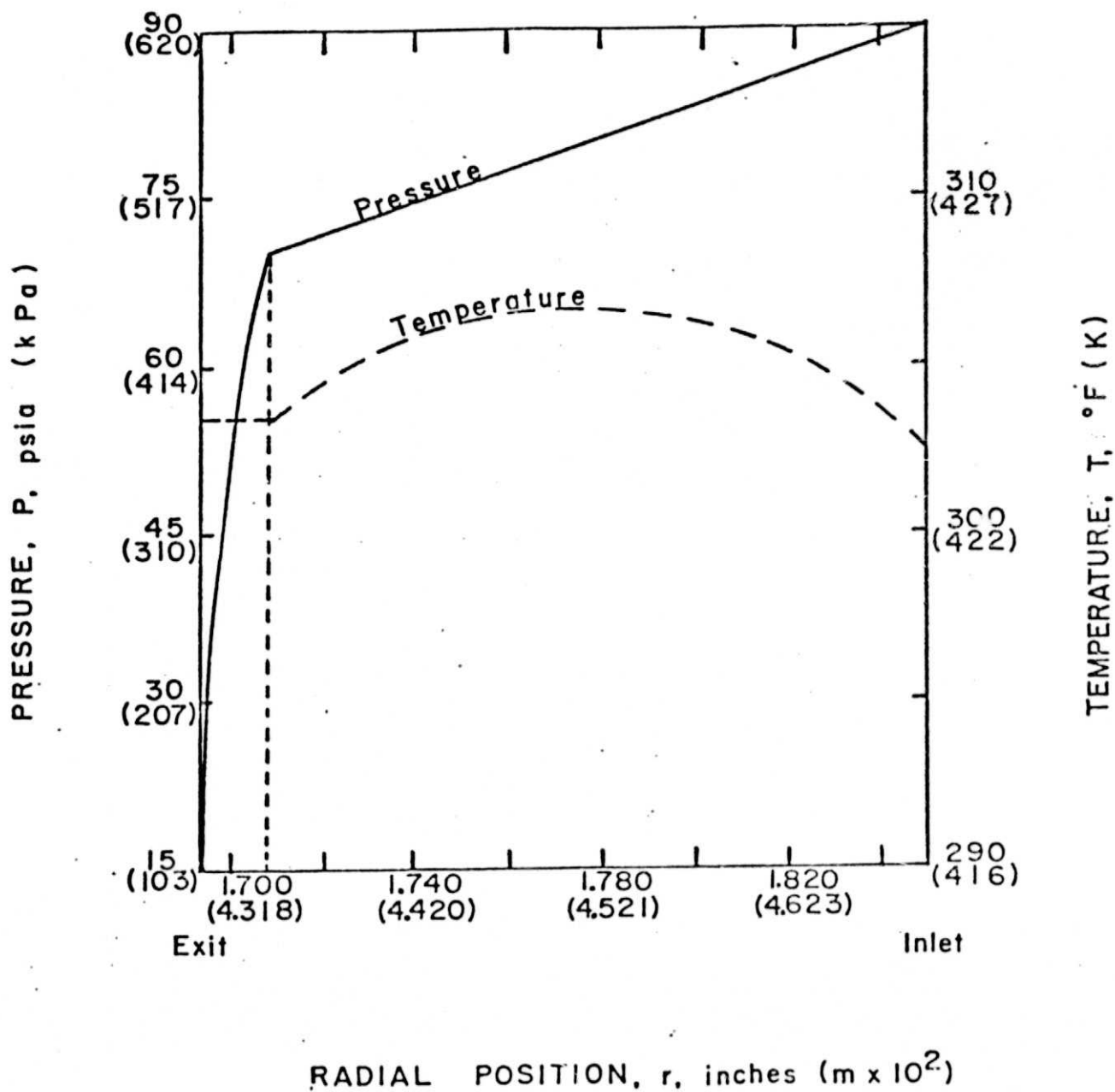


Figure 9. Temperature and Pressure Distribution in the Film Space.  
 $P_1 = 15.0$  psia (103.4 kPa),  $P_2 = 90.0$  psia (620.4 kPa),  
 $r_1 = 1.693$  inches (0.04300 m),  $r_2 = 1.849$  inches (0.04696 m),  
 $h = 50.0 \times 10^{-6}$  inches ( $1.27 \times 10^{-6}$  m),  $\omega = 7200$  rpm  
 (754 rad/s),  $k = 26$  Btu/hr-ft-°F (45 W/m-K).

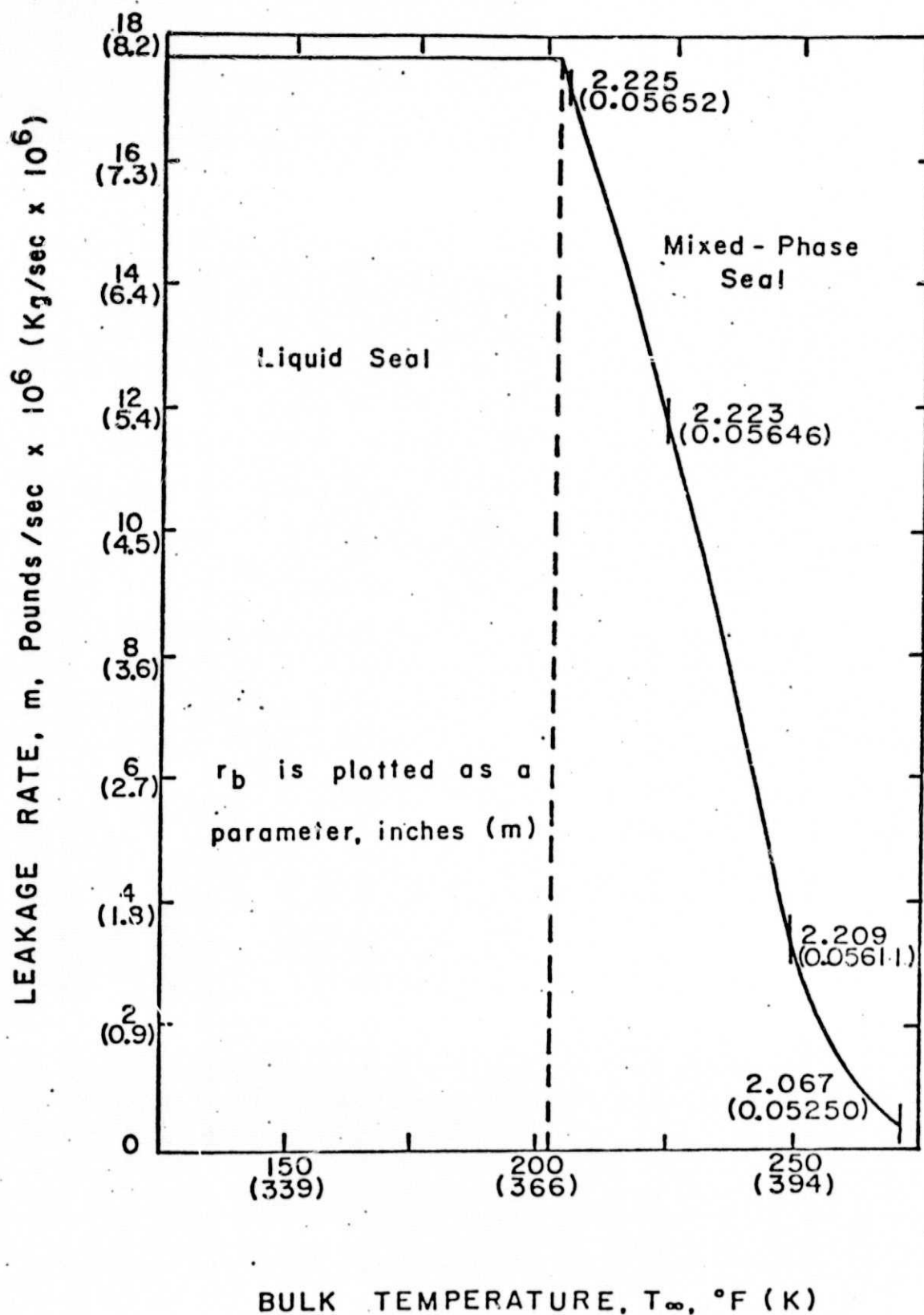


Figure 10. Effect of Bulk Temperature on Leakage.  $P_1 = 45.0$  psia (310.2 kPa),  $P_2 = 15.0$  psia (103.4 kPa),  $r_1 = 2.025$  inches (0.05144 m),  $r_2 = 2.225$  inches (0.05652 m),  $h = 50.0 \times 10^{-6}$  inches ( $1.27 \times 10^{-6}$  m),  $\omega = 3600$  rpm (377 rad/s),  $k = 26$  Btu/hr-ft-°F (45 W/m-K).

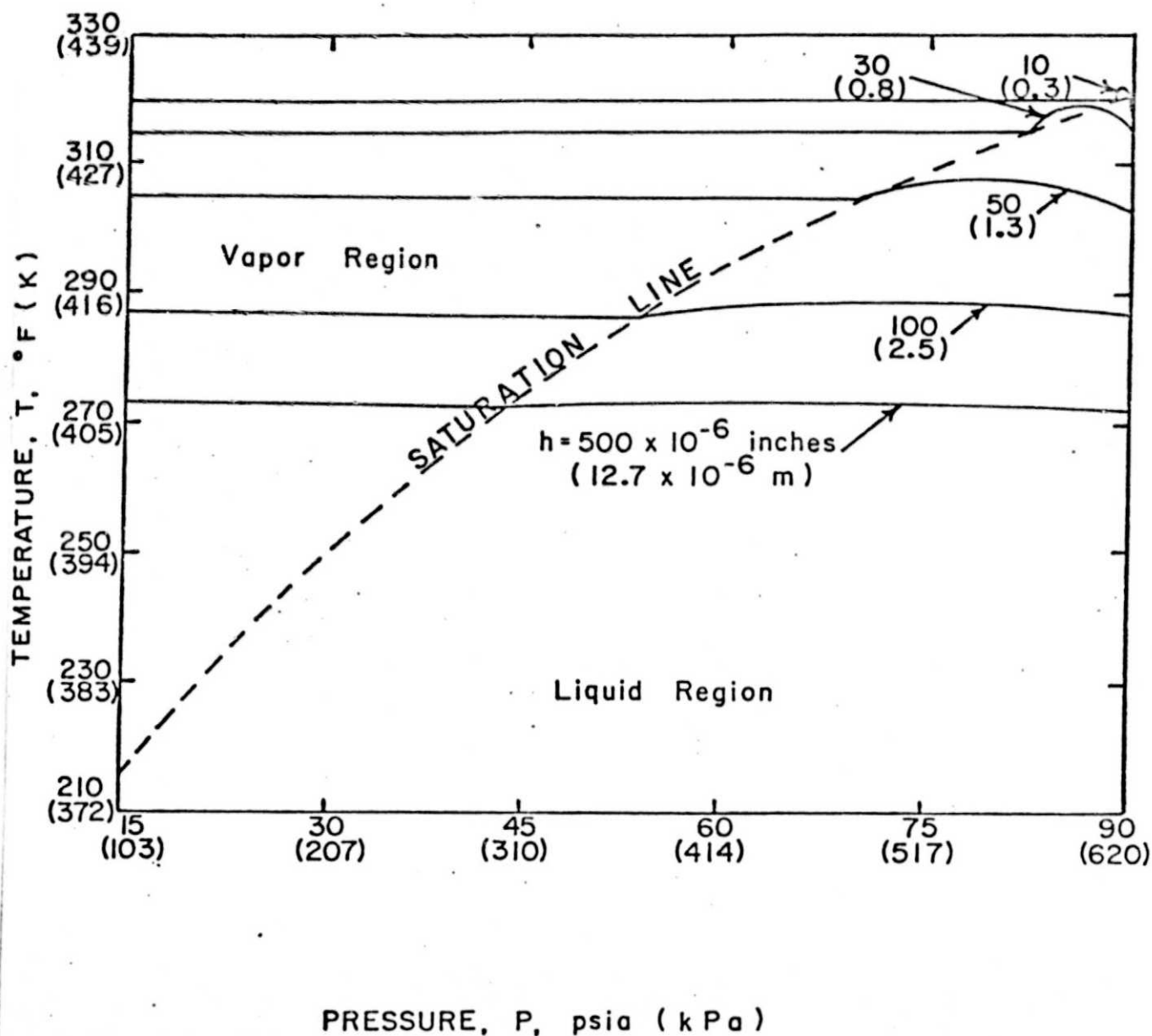


Figure 11. Fluid Temperature and Pressure at Various Seal Spacings.  
 $P_1 = 15.0$  psia (103.4 kPa),  $P_2 = 90.0$  psia (620.4 kPa),  
 $r_1 = 1.693$  inches (0.04300 m),  $r_2 = 1.849$  inches  
(0.04696 m),  $T_\infty = 270^\circ\text{F}$  (405 K),  $\omega = 7200$  rpm (754 rad/s),  
 $k = 26$  Btu/hr-ft- $^\circ\text{F}$  (45 W/m-K).

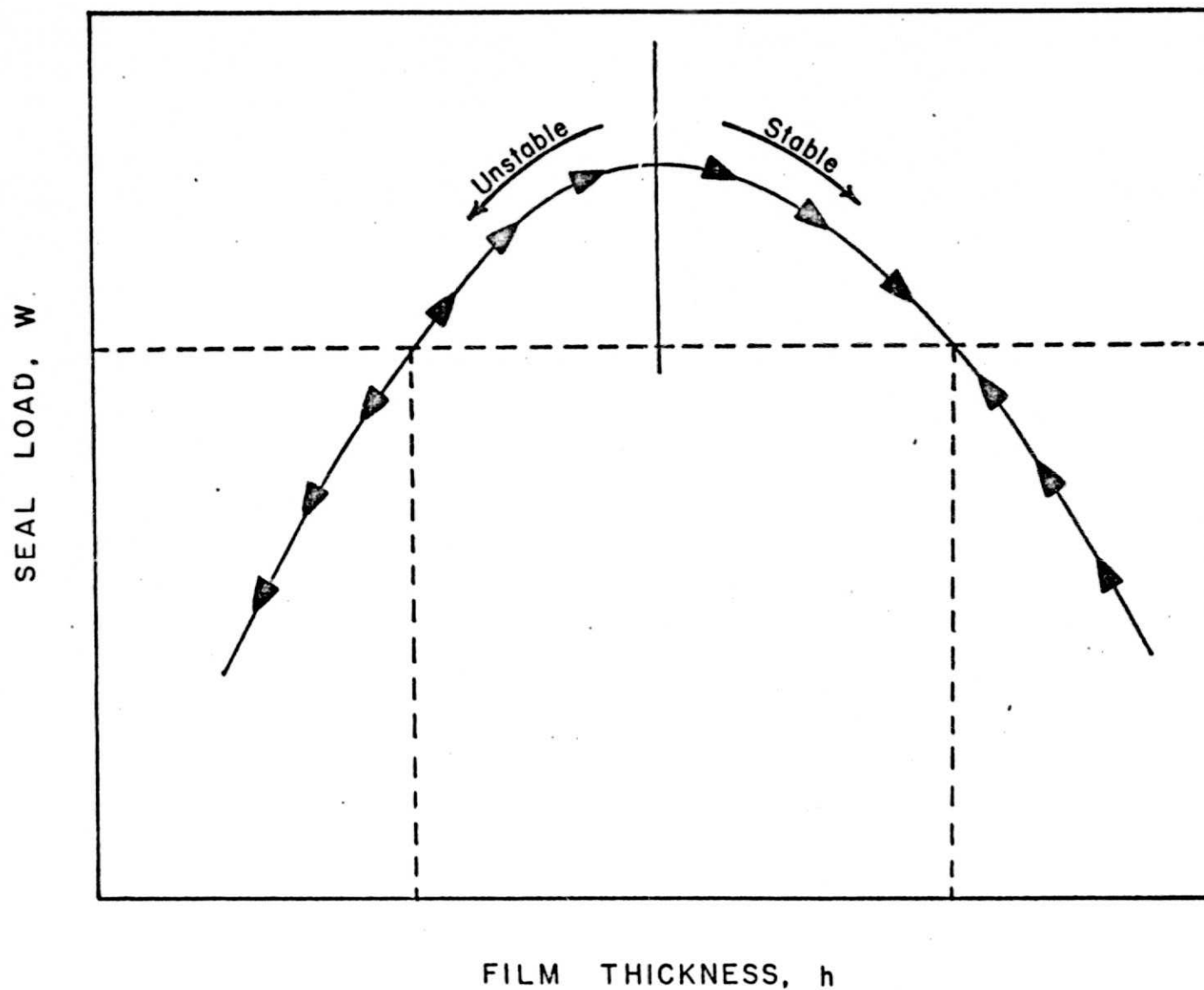


Figure 12. Effect of Film Thickness on Seal Instability.

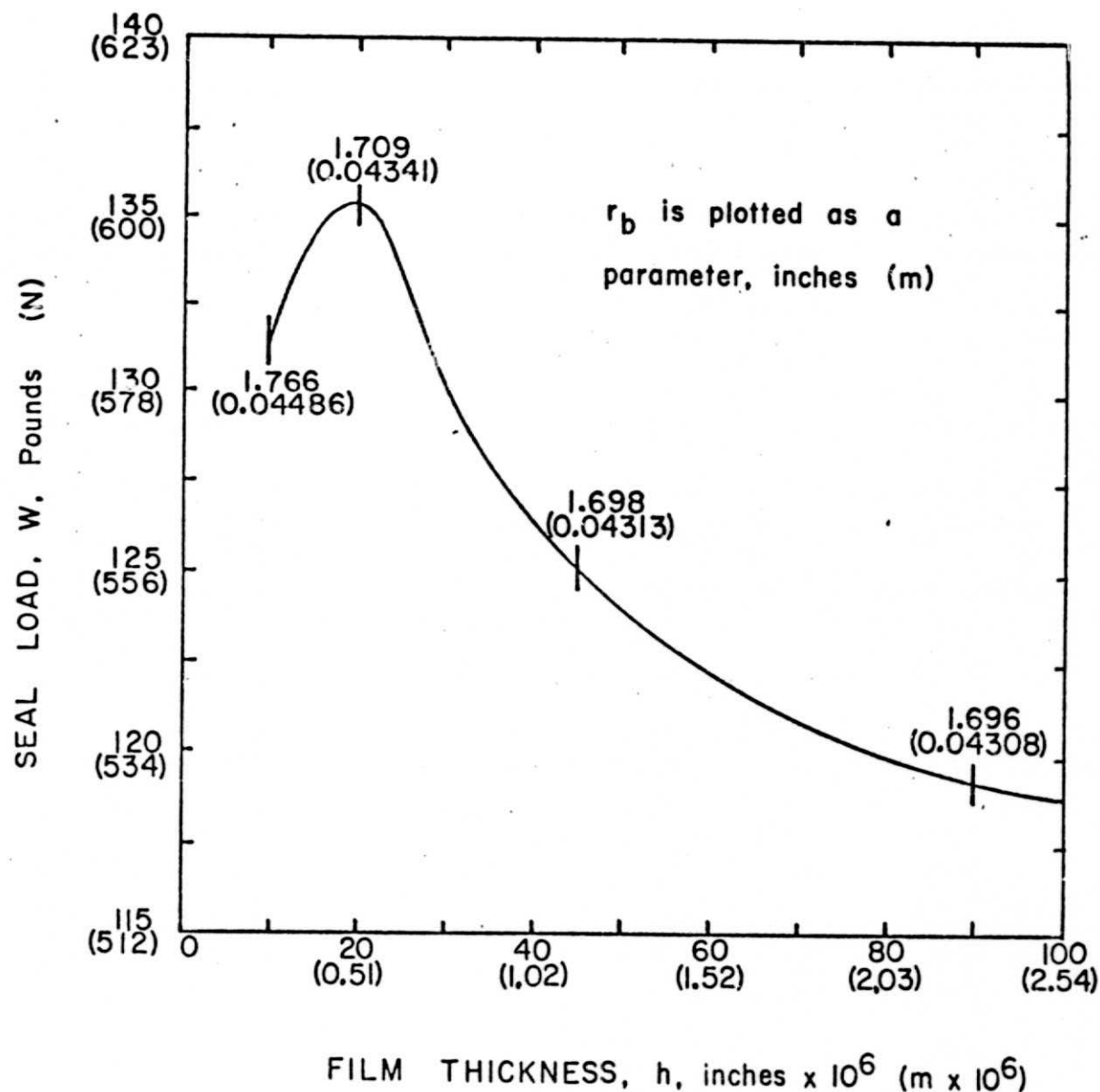


Figure 13. Seal Load at Various Film Thicknesses for an Outside Seal.  $P_1 = 15.0$  psia (103.4 kPa),  $P_2 = 90.0$  psia (620.4 kPa),  $r_1 = 1.693$  inches (0.04300 m),  $r_2 = 1.849$  inches (0.04696 m),  $T_\infty = 270^\circ\text{F}$  (405 K),  $\omega = 7200$  rpm (754 rad/s),  $k = 60.2$  Btu/hr-ft- $^\circ\text{F}$  (104 W/m-K).

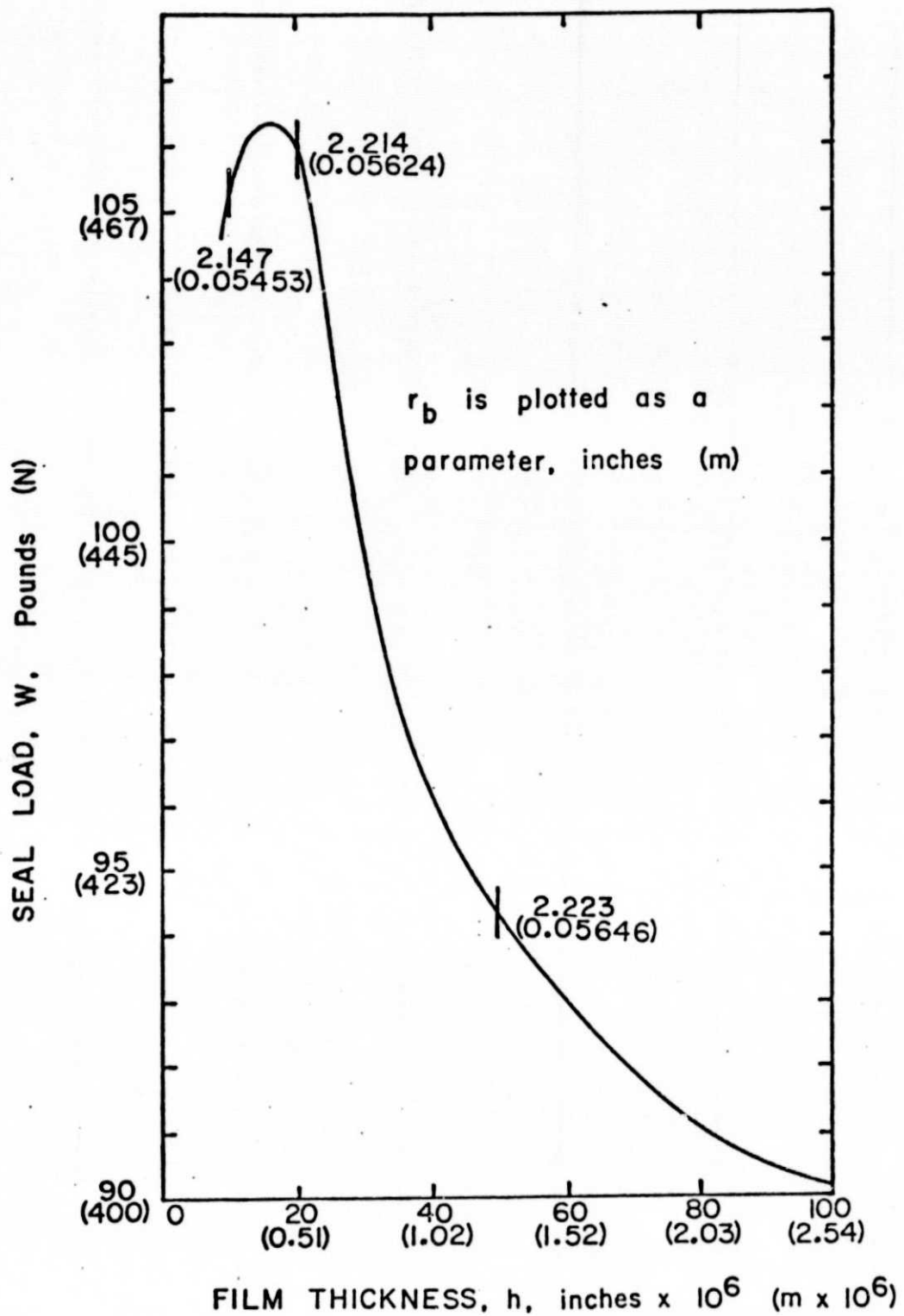


Figure 14. Seal Load at Various Film Thicknesses for an Inside Seal.  
 $P_1 = 45.0$  psia (310.2 kPa),  $P_2 = 15.0$  psia (103.4 kPa),  
 $r_1 = 2.025$  inches (0.05144 m),  $r_2 = 2.225$  inches (0.05652 m),  
 $T = 230^\circ\text{F}$  (383 K),  $\omega = 5000$  rpm (524 rad/s),  $k = 60.2$   
 $\text{Btu/hr-ft-}^\circ\text{F}$  (104 W/m-K).

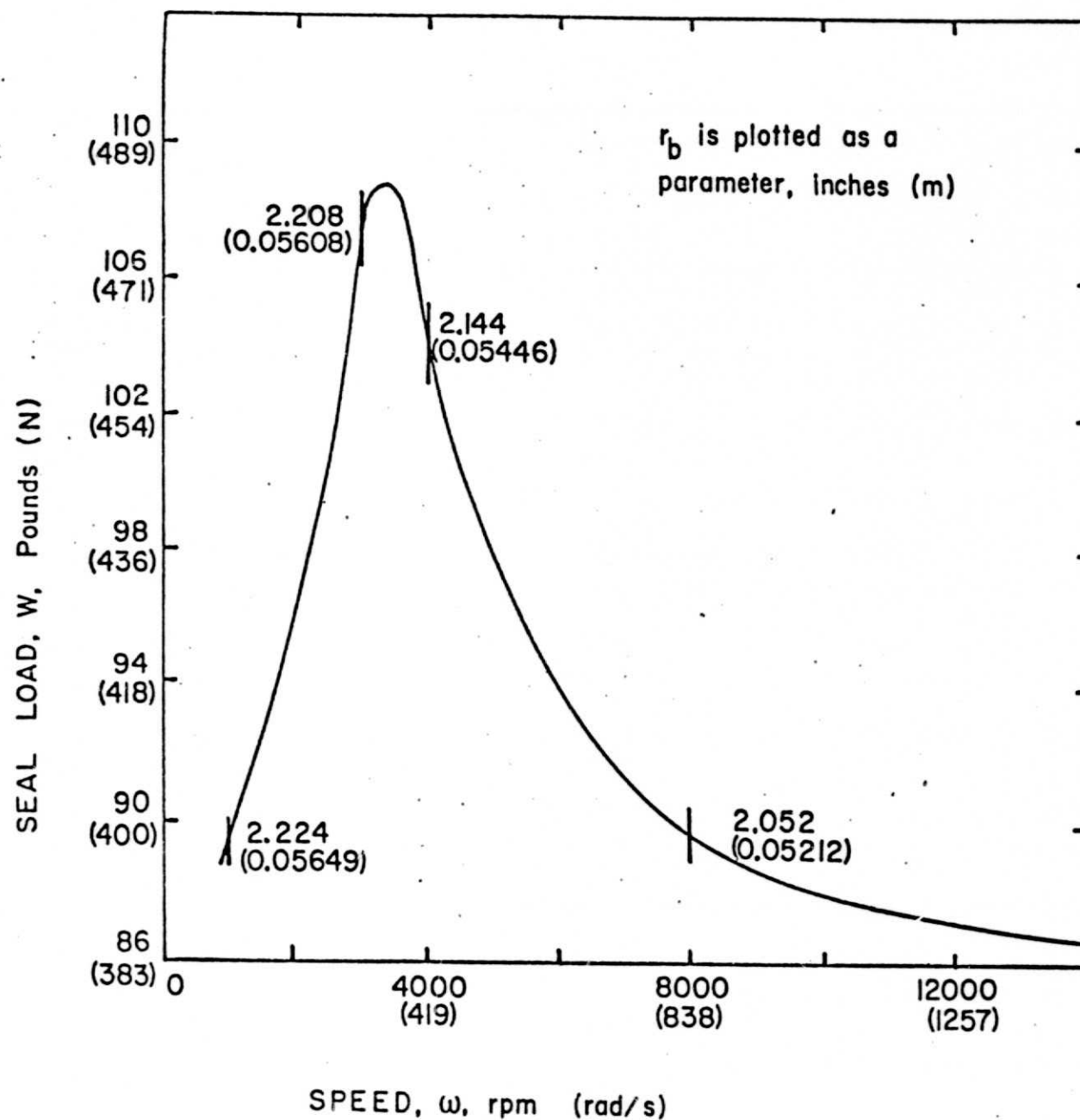


Figure 15. Seal Load at Various Speeds for an Inside Seal.  $P_1 = 45.0$  psia (310.2 kPa),  $P_2 = 15.0$  psia (103.4 kPa),  $r_1 = 2.025$  inches (0.05144 m),  $r_2 = 2.225$  inches (0.05652 m),  $T_\infty = 230^\circ\text{F}$  (383 K),  $h = 50 \times 10^{-6}$  inches ( $1.27 \times 10^{-6}$  m),  $k = 7.5$  Btu/hr-ft- $^\circ\text{F}$  (13 W/m-K).

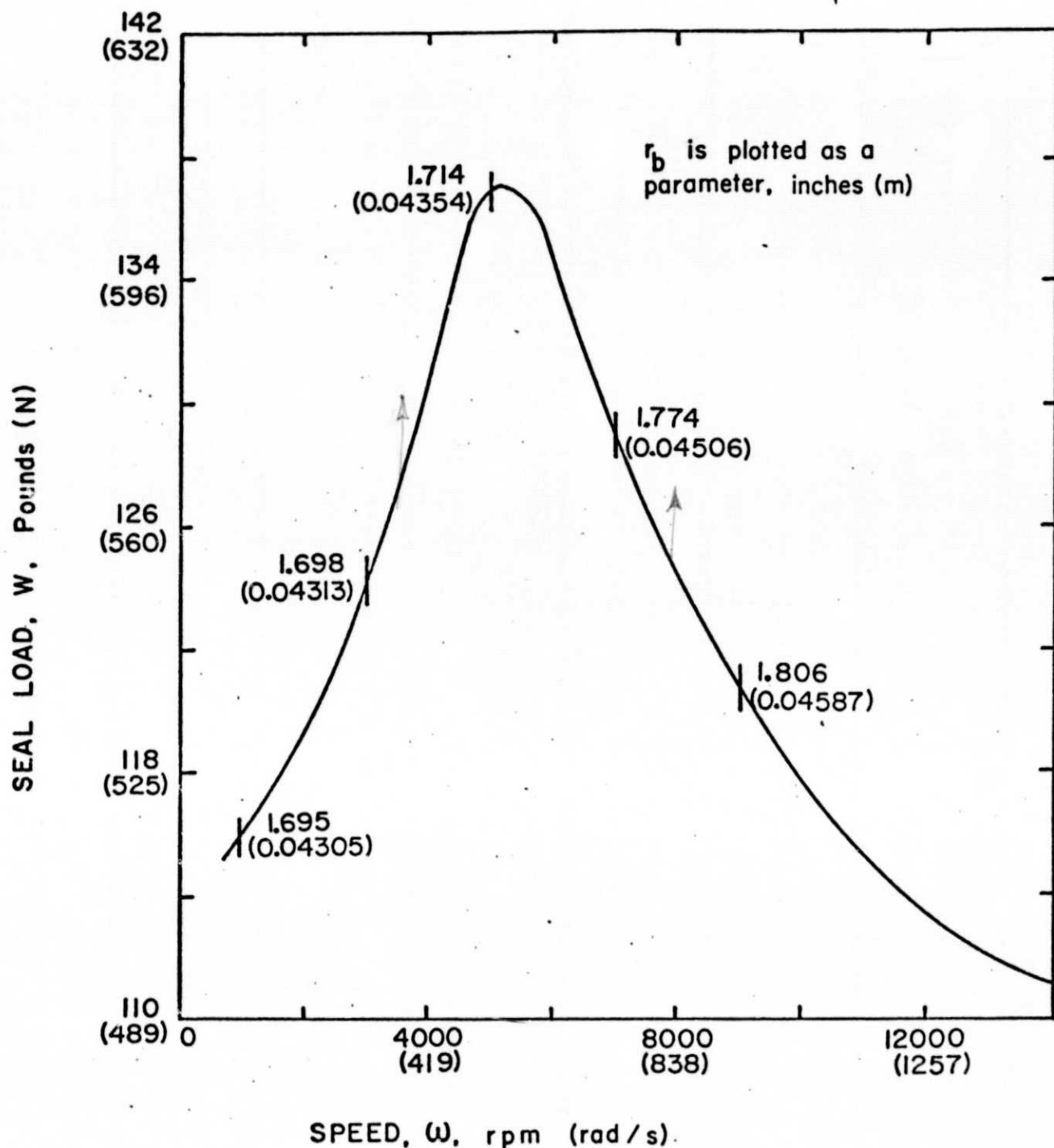


Figure 16. Seal Load at Various Speeds for an Outside Seal.  $P_1 = 15.0$  psia (103.4 kPa),  $P_2 = 90.0$  psia (620.4 kPa),  $r_1 = 1.693$  inches (0.04300 m),  $r_2 = 1.849$  inches (0.04696 m),  $T = 270^\circ\text{F}$  (405 K),  $h = 20.0 \times 10^{-6}$  inches ( $0.508 \times 10^{-6}$  m),  $k^\infty = 26$  Btu/hr-ft- $^\circ\text{F}$  (45 W/m-K).



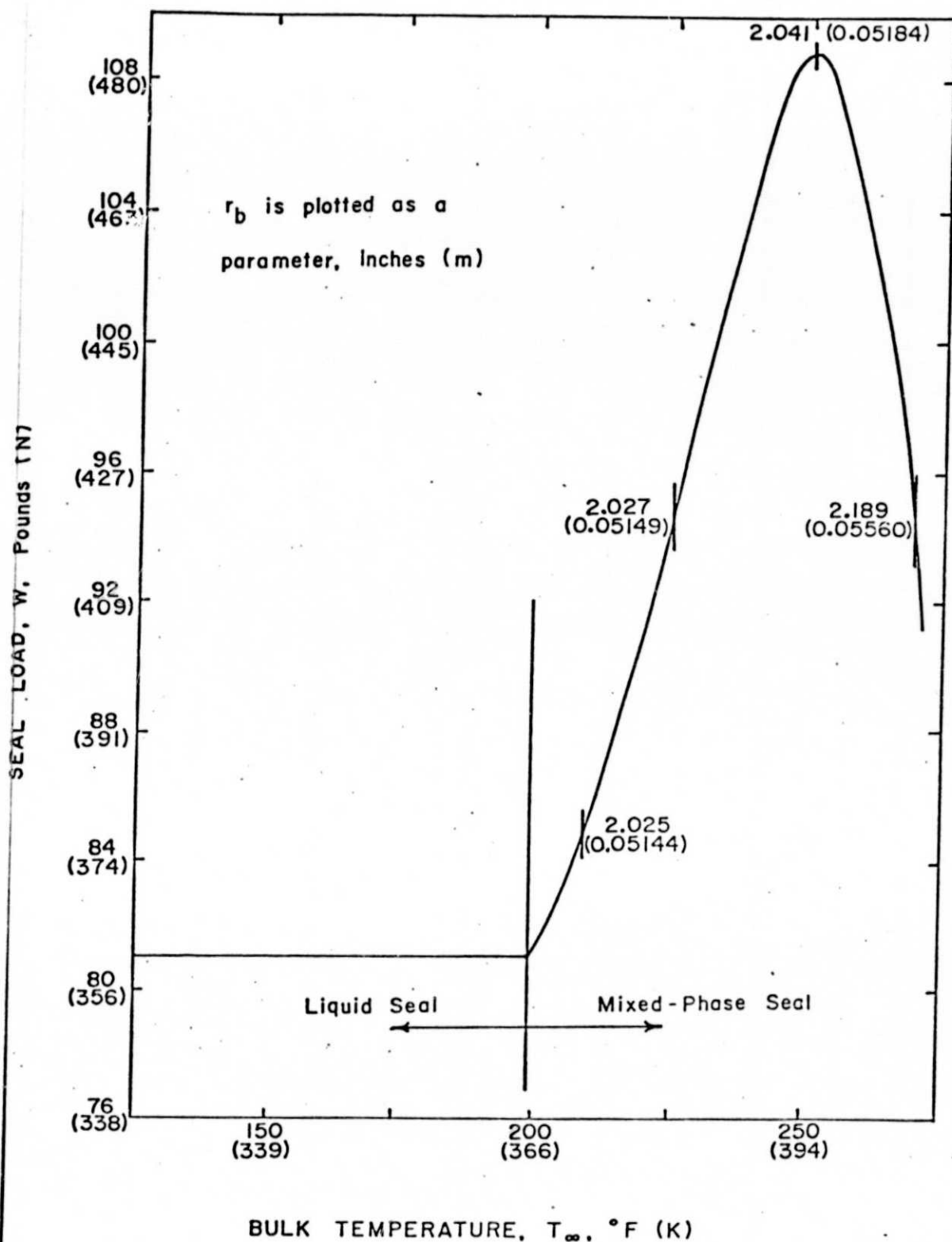


Figure 17. Effect of Bulk Temperature on Seal Load for an Outside Seal.  $P_1 = 15.0$  psia (103.4 kPa),  $P_2 = 45.0$  psia (310.2 kPa),  $r_1 = 2.025$  inches (0.05144 m),  $r_2 = 2.225$  inches (0.05652 m),  $h = 50.0 \times 10^{-6}$  inches ( $1.27 \times 10^{-6}$  m),  $\omega = 3600$  rpm (377 rad/s),  $k = 26$  Btu/hr-ft-°F (45 W/m-K).

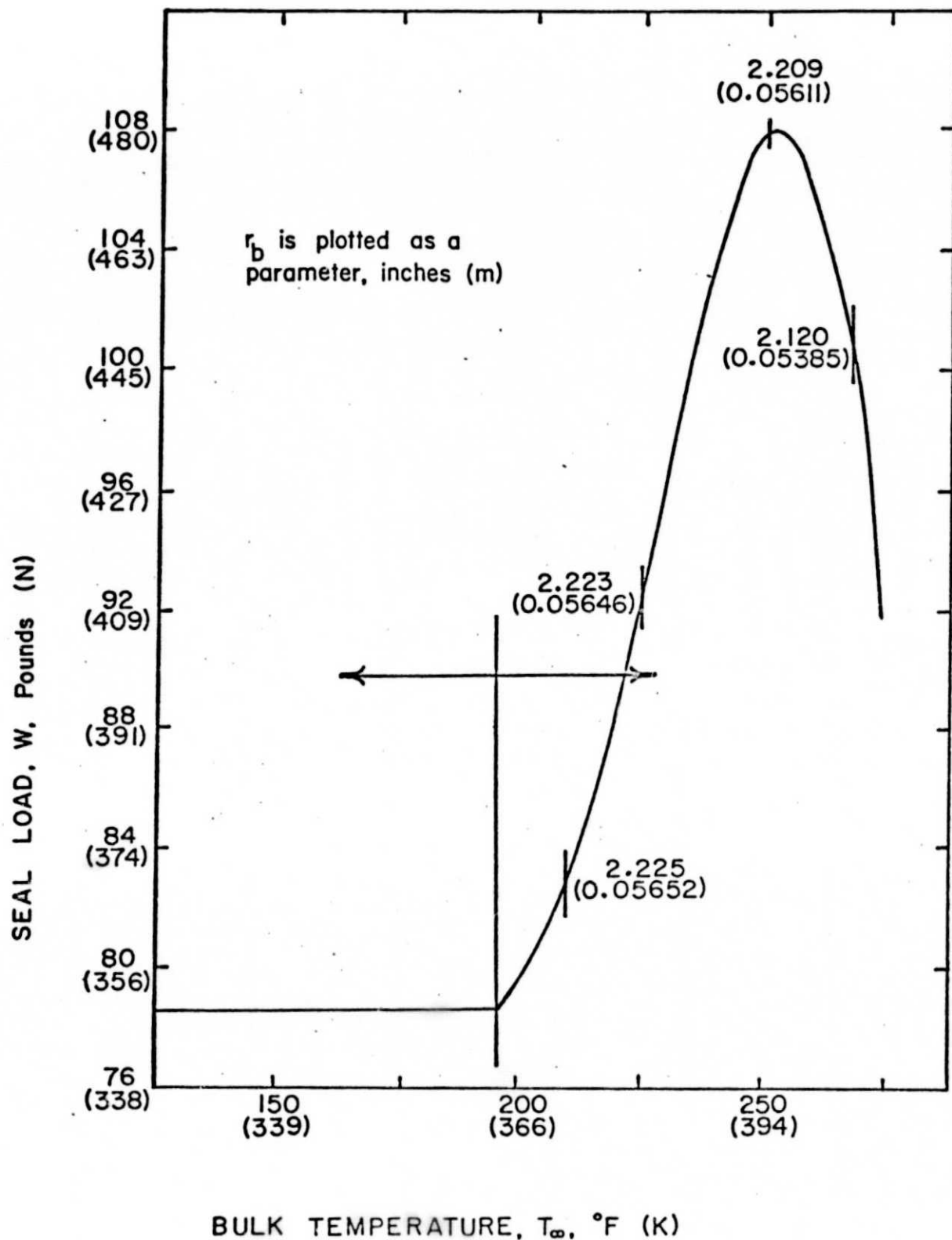


Figure 18. Effect of Bulk Temperature on Seal Load for an Inside Seal.  $P_1 = 45.0$  psia (310.2 kPa),  $P_2 = 15.0$  psia (103.4 kPa),  $r_1 = 2.025$  inches (0.05144 m),  $r_2 = 2.225$  inches (0.05652 m),  $h = 50.0 \times 10^{-6}$  inches ( $1.27 \times 10^{-6}$  m),  $\omega = 3600$  rpm (377 rad/s),  $k = 26$  Btu/hr-ft-°F (45 W/m-K).

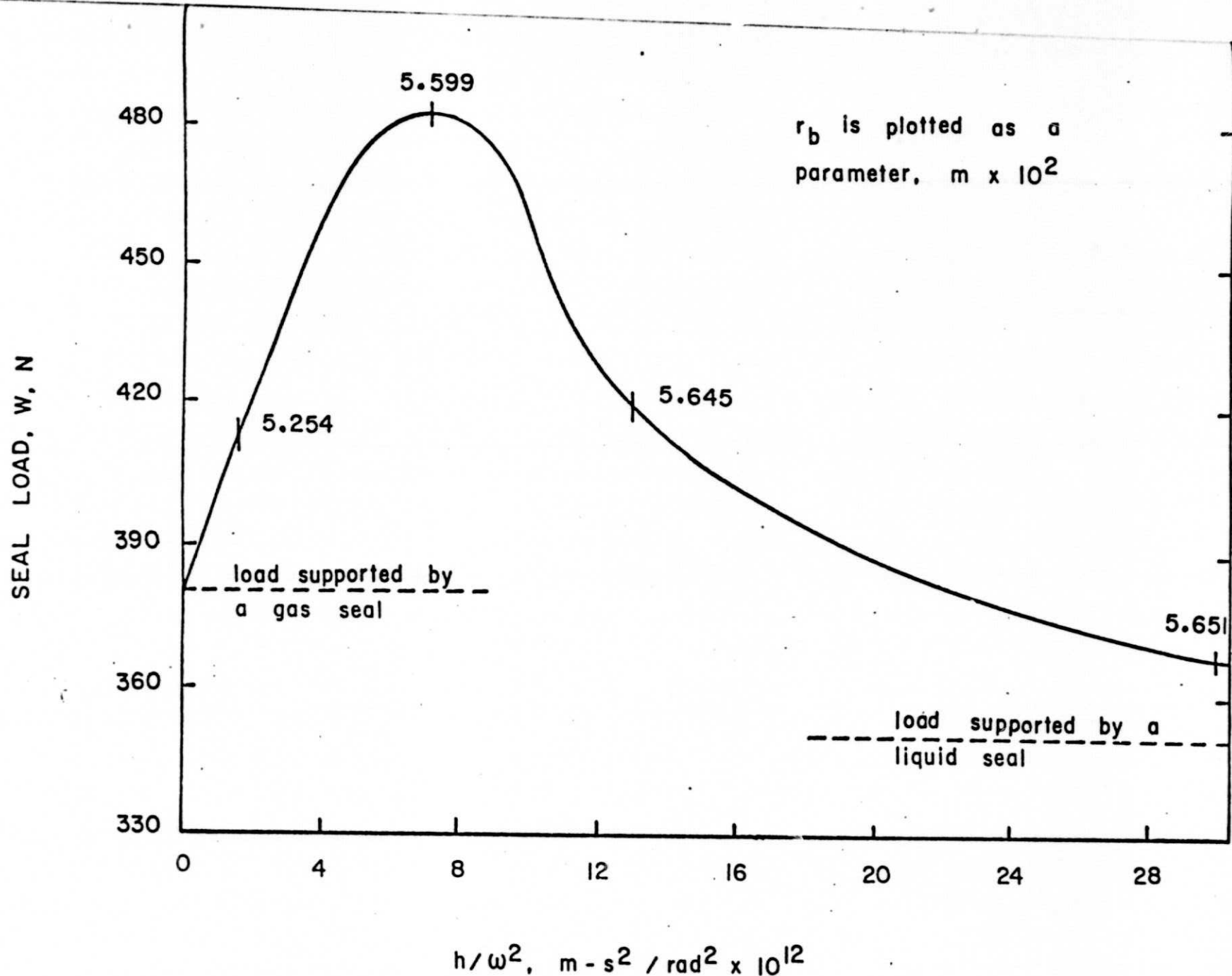


Figure 19. Effect of  $h/\omega^2$  on the Seal Load.  $P_1 = 45.0$  psia (310.2 kPa),  $P_2 = 15.0$  psia (103.4 kPa),  $r_1 = 2.025$  inches (0.05144 m),  $r_2 = 2.225$  inches (0.05652 m),  $k = 7.5$  Btu/hr-ft- $^{\circ}$ F (13 W/m-K),  $T_{\infty} = 205^{\circ}$ F (369 K).

Appendix A  
COMPUTER PROGRAM

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C
C      THE MAIN PROGRAM STARTS HERE
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C      THIS PROGRAM SOLVES THE ALIGNED RADIAL FACE SEAL PROBLEM ASSU-
C      MING THE VAPOR REGION( IF ANY) IS ISOTHERMAL.
C      THROUGHOUT THIS PROGRAM VARIABLES STARTING WITH THE LETTER R,P, OR
C      T REFER TO RADII, PRESSURES, OR TEMPERATURES AT VARIOUS POINTS
C      ALONG THE SEAL PLATES.
C      THE POINTS ARE DEFINED BY THE FOLLOWING FIVE SUBSCRIPTS:
C      1 - A VALUE AT THE INNER RADIUS
C      2 - A VALUE AT THE OUTER RADIUS
C      B - A VALUE AT THE BOILING RADIUS
C      I - A VALUE AT THE POINT WHERE FLUID ENTERS THE SEAL PLATES
C      O - A VALUE AT THE POINT WHERE FLUID LEAVES THE SEAL PLATES.
C      DIMENSION P(21),TD(21),RM(21),TDM(21),PM(21)
C      COMMON/AREAL/RI,RO,RB,R2,R1,NMAX,AN(100),BN(100),XMU,OM,XK,H,TINF/
C      IAREAZ/PSAT(50),TSAT(50),HFG(50),RVAP,NHFG/AREA3/R(21),DRG,C1,C2
C      FAHRENHEIT TO KELVIN
C      FTOC(A)=(A-32.)/1.8+273.
C      PSI TO KPASCALS
C      PTOPA(A)=A*.6893
C      INCHES TO METERS
C      XITOCM(A)=A*.254/100.
C      LIQUID PRESSURE DISTRIBUTION
C      PL(A)=PI+(PB-PI)*(ALOG(A/RI)/ALOG(RB/RI))
C      BOILING PRESSURE AT INTERFACE
C      PIF(A)=SQRT((EZ*TB*ALOG(RO/A)/ALOG(A/RI))*2.+2.*EZ*TB*PI*ALOG(RO/
C      I A)/ALOG(A/RI)+PO*PO)-(EZ*TB*ALOG(RO/A)/ALOG(A/RI))
C      GASEOUS PRESSURE DISTRIBUTION
C      PG(A)=SQRT(PB*PB+(PO*PO-PB*PB)*(ALOG(A/RB)/ALOG(RO/RB)))
C      MASS FLOW IN THE LIQUID REGION
C      XML(A,B)=((1-PIE*RHO*H*.3.)/(6.*XMU*ALOG(B/RI)))*(A-PI)/1000000.*.3
C      MASS FLOW IN THE VAPOR REGION
C      XMV(A,B)=-((PO*PO-A*A)*PIE*H*.3.)/(12.*XMUG*RVAP*TB*ALOG(RO/B))/10
C      100000.*.3
C      LOAD OF THE LIQUID REGION
C      WL(A,B)=ABS(PIE*(A*B-B*PI*RI*RI+((A-PI)*(RI*RI-B*B))/(2.*ALOG(B/RI
C      I))))
C      INPUT:
C      XNAME - THE NAME OF THE FLUID TO BE SEALED
C      XMU - THE VISCOSITY OF THE LIQUID(LBF-SEC/FT*.2)
C      XMUG - THE VISCOSITY OF THE VAPOR(LBF-SEC/FT*.2)
C      RHO - THE FLUID DENSITY(LBM/FT*.3)
C      CXK - THE THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF THE SEAL PLATES(BTU/HR-FT-F)
C      RVAP - THE IDEAL GAS CONSTANT OF THE FLUID(FT-LBF/LBM-R)
C      NHFG - THE NUMBER OF SATURATION STATES TO BE ENTERED
C      READ(5,800)XNAME,XMU,XMUG,RHO,CXK,RVAP,NHFG
C      INPUT - NHFG SATURATION STATES
C      DO 10 I=1,NHFG
C      10 READ(5,810)PSAT(I),TSAT(I),HFG(I)
C      MAKE INPUT DATA DIMENSIONALLY CORRECT AND SUPPLY CONSTANTS
C      XK=CXK*.778./3600.
C      PIE=3.14159
C      NMAX=100.
C      EPMAX=.25

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70 C WHERE:
80 C PIE IS THE MATHEMATICAL CONSTANT
90 C NMAX IS THE NUMBER OF TERMS TO BE TAKEN IN THE TEMPERATURE SERIES
100 C EPMAX IS THE MAXIMUM ERROR BETWEEN THE CLAPEYRON AND ITERATED
110 C PRESSURES(LBF/FT**2)
120 XMUM=XMU*47.883
130 XMUGM=XMUG*47.883
140 RHOM=RHO*16.018
150 RVAPM=RVAP*5.38
160 CXKM=CXK*1.7303
170 WRITE(6,900)XNAME,XMU,XMUM,XMUG,XMUGM,RHO,RHOM
180 WRITE(6,905)RVAP,RVAPM,CXK,CXKM
190 C SOLVE FOR TEMP. CONSTANTS(AN(I) AND BN(I))
200 DO 20 J=1,NMAX
210 XJ=J-1
220 IF(J.GE. 12)GO TO 12
230 F=(FACT(2.*XJ)**2./FACT(XJ)**4.)/2.**(4.*XJ)
240 GO TO 16
250 12 F=((8./(PIE*(2.*XJ+1.)))*(XJ+1.)*EXP(1.)/(2.*XJ+1.))**2.*((2.*X
260 J+1.)/(7.*XJ+2.))**(4.*(XJ+1.))*(1.+1./(12.*(2.*XJ+1.))**2.)/(1.+
270 21./((12.*(XJ+1.)))
280 16 AN(J)=F/(2*XJ+4.)
290 20 BN(J)=F/(2*XJ-3.)
300 C INPUT VARIABLE INPUT DATA(VID):
310 C CTINF - THE BULK TEMPERATURE(F)
320 C CP1 - THE FLUID PRESSURE AT THE INNER RADIUS(Psia)
330 C CP2 - THE FLUID PRESSURE AT THE OUTER RADIUS(Psia)
340 C CR1 - THE INNER RADIUS(IN)
350 C CR2 - THE OUTER RADIUS(IN)
360 C CH - THE FLUID THICKNESS(MICROINCHES)
370 C COM - THE SEAL ANGULAR VELOCITY(RPM)
380 30 READ(5,820)CTINF,CP1,CP2,CR1,CR2,CH,COM
390 IF(ABS(CTINF-10000.) .LT. .001)STOP
400 EZ=RHO*XMUG*RVAP/XMU
410 C CONVERT VID TO PROPER UNITS
420 TINF=CTINF+460.
430 P1=CP1*144.
440 P2=CP2*144.
450 R1=CR1/12.
460 R2=CR2/12.
470 H=CH/12.
480 OM=COM*2.*PIE/60.
490 C SET UP SEAL AS INFLOW OR OUTFLOW
500 IF(P2 .GT. P1)GO TO 35
510 RI=R1
520 PI=P1
530 RO=R2
540 PO=P2
550 GO TO 40
560 35 RI=R2
570 PI=P2
580 RO=R1
590 PO=P1
600 C TEST FOR A COMPLETE LIQUID SEAL(ITYPE=1)
610 40 RB=RO
620 TO=T(R0)
630 IF(PBC(T0)-PO)60,60,45

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40 C TEST FOR A COMPLETE GAS SEAL (ITYPE=2)
50 45 RB=RI
60 ITYPE=3
70 TI=T(RI)
80 IF(PBC(TI)-PI)50,65,65
90 C THIS SEAL IS A MIXED-PHASE SEAL (ITYPE=3). ITERATE FOR RB.
100 50 RBMAX=RO
110 RBMIN=RI
120 PBCCLT=0.
130 55 RB=(RBMAX+RBMIN)/2.
140 TB=T(RB)
150 PB=PIF(RB)
160 PBCC=PBC(TB)
170 IF(ABS(PBCCLT-PBCC).LT..0001)GO TO 100
180 PBCCLT=PBCC
190 IF(ABS(PBCC-PB).LT.EPMAX)GO TO 100
200 IF(PBCC-PB)56,56,57
210 56 RBMIN=RB
220 GO TO 55
230 57 RBMAX=RB
240 GO TO 55
250 60 PB=PO
260 TB=T(RO)
270 ITYPE=1
280 GO TO 100
290 65 TB=TINF
300 PB=PI
310 XM=XMV(PB,RB)
320 C WHERE XM IS THE SEAL LEAKAGE RATE
330 ITYPE=2
340 GO TO 110
350 C THE ITERATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED, CALCULATE THE MASS FLOW AND
360 C OTHER VALUES.
370 100 XM=XML(PB,RB)
380 C CALCULATE THE PRESSURE DIST IN THE LIQUID REGION
390 110 R(1)=RI
400 DRL=(RB-RI)/10.
410 DO 120 I=1,10
420 P(I)=PL(R(I))
430 120 R(I+1)=R(I)+DRL
440 C CALCULATE THE PRESSURE DIST IN THE VAPOR REGION
450 P(11)=PR
460 R(11)=RB
470 DRG=(RO-RB)/10.
480 DO 130 I=12,21
490 XI=1-I
500 R(I)=R(11)+DRG*XI
510 130 P(I)=PG(R(I))
520 C CALCULATE THE TEMP DIST ACROSS THE SEAL
530 DO 140 I=1,10
540 TD(I)=T(R(I))-460.
550 140 TDM(I)=FTOC(TD(I))
560 TD(11)=TB-460.
570 TDM(11)=FTOC(TD(11))
580 C CALCULATE CONSTANTS IN GASEOUS LOAD EQUATION
590 C1=PB*PR
600 C2=(PO*PO-PB*PB)/ALOG(RO/RB)
610 C CALCULATE THE ABSOLUTE LOAD SUPPORTED BY THIS SEAL

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20 W=HL(PB,RB)+WG(PB,RB)
30 C CONVERT TO PROPER OUTPUT UNITS
40 CTINF=FTOC(CTINF)
50 CP1M=PTOPA(CP1)
60 CP2M=PTOPA(CP2)
70 CR1M=XITOCM(CR1)
80 CR2M=XITOCM(CR2)
90 CHM=XITOCM(CH)
00 COMM=COM*2.*PIE/60.
10 RB=RB*12.
20 TB=TB-460.
30 PB=PB/144.
40 DO 150 I=1,21
50 R(I)=R(I)*12.
60 P(I)=P(I)/144.
70 RM(I)=XITOCM(R(I))
80 150 PM(I)=PTOPA(P(I))
90 XMM=XM*.454
00 WM=W*.448
10 C WRITE THE PERTINENT INFORMATION
20 WRITE(6,910)CTINF,CTINFM,CP1,CP1M,CP2,CP2M,CR1,CR1M,CR2,CR2M
30 WRITE(6,915)CH,CHM,COM,COMM
40 IF(ITYPE.EQ.1)WRITE(6,920)
50 IF(ITYPE.EQ.2)WRITE(6,925)
60 IF(ITYPE.EQ.3)WRITE(6,930)
70 IF(ITYPE.EQ.2)GO TO 170
80 WRITE(6,935)
90 WRITE(6,941)
00 DO 160 I=1,10
10 160 WRITE(6,946)R(I),RM(I),TD(I),TDM(I),P(I),PM(I)
20 IF(ITYPE.EQ.1)WRITE(6,946)R(I),RM(I),TD(I),TDM(I),P(I),PM(I)
30 11)
40 IF(ITYPE.EQ.3)WRITE(6,950)R(I),RM(I),TD(I),TDM(I),P(I),PM(I)
50 11)
60 IF(ITYPE.EQ.1)GO TO 190
70 170 WRITE(6,955)
80 WRITE(6,940)
90 DO 180 I=12,21
00 180 WRITE(6,945)R(I),RM(I),P(I),PM(I)
10 190 WRITE(6,960)XM,XMM,W,WM
20 GO TO 30
30 C
40 C FORMAT STATEMENTS
50 C
60 800 FORMAT(A15,2E10.3,3F10.3,15)
70 810 FORMAT(3F10.4)
80 820 FORMAT(7F10.3)
90 900 FORMAT(/' THE FLUID TO BE SEALED IS: ',A10///,' MU, THE LIQUID VIS
00 ICOSITY = ',E10.3,' LB-S/FT**2 = ',E10.3,' PA-S '///' MUG, THE GAS
10 2 VISCOSITY = ',E10.3,' LB-S/FT**2 = ',E10.3,' PA-S '///' RHO, THE
20 3 LIQUID DENSITY = ',F10.3,' LBM/FT**3 = ',F10.3,' KG/M**3./)
30 905 FORMAT(' RVAP, THE IDEAL GAS CONSTANT = ',F7.2,' FT-LBF/LBM-R = ',
40 1F7.2,' J/KG-K'///' THE THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF THE SEAL PLATE = ',F
50 27.2,' BTU/HR-FT-F = ',F7.2,' W/M-K.)
60 910 FORMAT('1 TINF = ',F6.1,' DEG F = ',F6.1,' DEG K'/' P1 = ',F6.1,
70 1' PSIA = ',F7.1,' KPA P2 = ',F6.1,' PSIA = ',F7.1,' KPA'/' R1
80 2= ',F6.3,' IN = ',F7.5,' M R2 = ',F6.3,' IN = ',F7.5,' M
90 3')

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10      C      FACTORIAL SUBPROGRAM
20      FUNCTION FACT(A)
30      N=A
40      FACT=1.0
50      IF(N .LT. 2)GO TO 1010
60      DO 1000 K=1,N
70      FN=K
80      1000 FACT=FACT*FN
90      1010 RETURN
00      END
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10      C      LIQUID TEMPERATURE DISTRIBUTION SUBPROGRAM
20      FUNCTION T(A)
30      COMMON/AREA1/R1,RO,RB,R2,R1,NMAX,AN(100),BN(100),XMU,OM,XK,H,TINF
40      IF(R1 .LT. RO)GO TO 1100
50      QR1=RB
60      QR2=R2
70      GO TO 1110
80      1100 QR1=R1
90      QR2=RB
00      1110 SUMA=0.
10      SUMB=0.
20      IF(ABS(A-QR1) .LT. .00001)GO TO 1130
30      DO 1120 L=1,NMAX
40      XL=L-1
50      AA=AN(L).*(1.-(QR1/A)**(2.*XL+4.))
60      1120 SUMA=SUMA+AA
70      IF(ABS(A-QR2) .LT. .00001)GO TO 1140
80      1130 DO 1150 L=1,NMAX
90      XL=L-1
00      BB=BN(L).*(1.-(A/QR2)**(2.*XL+3.))
10      1150 SUMB=SUMB+BB
20      1140 T=((100000n.*XMU*OM*OM*A**3)/(2.*XK*H)).*(SUMA+SUMB)+TINF
30      RETURN
40      END

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C      CLAPEYRON PRESSURE SUBPROGRAM
      FUNCTION PBC(A)
      COMMON/AREA2/PSAT(50),TSAT(50),HFG(50),RVAP,NHFG
      IF(A .LT. (TSAT(1)+460.))PBC=PSAT(1)*EXP((-HFG(1)*778./RVAP)*(1./A
1-1./(TSAT(1)+460.)))*144.
      IF(A .GT. (TSAT(NHFG)+460.))PBC=PSAT(NHFG)*EXP((-HFG(NHFG)*778./RV
1AP)*(1./A-1./(TSAT(NHFG)+460.)))*144.
      IF((A .LT. (TSAT(1)+460.)) .OR. (A .GT. (TSAT(NHFG)+460.)))RETURN
      L=2
1200 IF((A .GE. (TSAT(L)+460.)) .AND. (A .LT. (TSAT(L+1)+460.)))GO TO 1
1210
      L=L+1
      GO TO 1200
1210 L1=L
      IF((A-460.-TSAT(L)) .GT. (TSAT(L+1)-(A-460.)))L1=L+1
      PBC=PSAT(L1)*EXP((-HFG(L1)*778./RVAP)*(1./A-1./(TSAT(L1)+460.)))*1
144.
      RETURN
      END

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C      GASEOUS LOAD SUBPROGRAM
      FUNCTION WG(A,B)
      COMMON/AREA3/R(21),DRG,C1,C2
C      DIFFERENTIAL LOAD OF THE GASEOUS REGION
      FWG(A)=SQRT(C1+C2*A*LOG(A/RB))*A
      RB=B
      Z=FWG(R(1))+FWG(R(2))
      DO 1300 L=12,20,2
1300   Z=Z+4.*FWG(R(L))
      DO 1310 L=13,20,2
1310   Z=Z+2.*FWG(R(L))
      WG=ABS(2.*3.14159*DRG*Z/3.)
      RETURN
      END

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Appendix B

SAMPLE OUTPUT

THE FLUID TO BE SEALED IS: WATER

1. THE LIQUID VISCOSITY = .590-05 LB-S/FT\*\*2 = 4283-03 PA-S

2. THE GAS VISCOSITY = .252-06 LB-S/FT\*\*2 = .121-04 PA-S

3. THE LIQUID DENSITY = 60.000 LBM/FT\*\*3 = 961.080 KG/M\*\*3

4. THE IDEAL GAS CONSTANT = 85.70 FT-LBF/LBM-R = 461.07 J/KG-K

5. THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF THE SEAL PLATE = 7.50 BTU/HR-FT-F = 12.98W/M-K

$T_{INF} = 205.0 \text{ DEG F} = 369.1 \text{ DEG K}$   
 $P_1 = 45.0 \text{ PSIA} = 310.2 \text{ KPA}$        $P_2 = 15.0 \text{ PSIA} = 103.4 \text{ KPA}$   
 $R_1 = 2.025 \text{ IN} = .05143 \text{ M}$        $R_2 = 2.225 \text{ IN} = .05651 \text{ M}$   
 $H = 50.0 \text{ MICROINCHES} = 1.27 \text{ MICRONS}$   
 $\Omega = 1000.0 \text{ RPM} = 104.72 \text{ RAD/SEC}$

THIS SEAL ACTS AS A LIQUID SEAL

THE LIQUID DISTRIBUTION IS:

R, IN (M)	T, F (K)	P, PSIA (KPA)
2.025 ( .05143 )	209.35 ( 371.53 )	45.00 ( 310.18 )
2.045 ( .05194 )	209.55 ( 371.64 )	41.87 ( 288.61 )
2.065 ( .05245 )	209.68 ( 371.71 )	38.77 ( 267.24 )
2.085 ( .05296 )	209.76 ( 371.76 )	35.70 ( 246.08 )
2.105 ( .05347 )	209.80 ( 371.78 )	32.66 ( 225.12 )
2.125 ( .05397 )	209.82 ( 371.79 )	29.65 ( 204.36 )
2.145 ( .05448 )	209.80 ( 371.78 )	26.66 ( 183.79 )
2.165 ( .05499 )	209.75 ( 371.75 )	23.71 ( 163.41 )
2.185 ( .05550 )	209.65 ( 371.69 )	20.78 ( 143.22 )
2.205 ( .05601 )	209.50 ( 371.61 )	17.88 ( 123.22 )
2.225 ( .05651 )	209.26 ( 371.48 )	15.00 ( 103.39 )

THE LEAKAGE RATE = .177-04 LBM/SEC = .802-05 KG/SEC

THE ABSOLUTE LOAD SUPPORTED BY THIS SEAL = 79. LBF = 351. N

$T_{INF} = 205.0 \text{ DEG F} = 369.1 \text{ DEG K}$   
 $P_1 = 45.0 \text{ PSIA} = 310.2 \text{ KPA}$        $P_2 = 15.0 \text{ PSIA} = 103.4 \text{ KPA}$   
 $R_1 = 2.025 \text{ IN} = .05143 \text{ M}$        $R_2 = 2.225 \text{ IN} = .05651 \text{ M}$   
 $H = 50.0 \text{ MICROINCHES} = 1.27 \text{ MICRONS}$   
 $OM = 5000.0 \text{ RPM} = 523.60 \text{ RAD/SEC}$

THIS SEAL ACTS AS A MIXED-PHASE SEAL

THE LIQUID DISTRIBUTION IS:

R, IN(M)	T, F(K)	P, PSIA(KPA)
2.025( .05143)	273.42(407.12)	45.00( 310.18)
2.037( .05174)	276.16(408.64)	44.88( 309.32)
2.049( .05205)	277.99(409.66)	44.75( 308.47)
2.061( .05236)	279.18(410.32)	44.63( 307.62)
2.073( .05266)	279.83(410.68)	44.51( 306.77)
2.085( .05297)	280.01(410.78)	44.38( 305.93)
2.098( .05328)	279.72(410.62)	44.26( 305.10)
2.110( .05359)	278.93(410.18)	44.14( 304.27)
2.122( .05389)	277.58(409.43)	44.02( 303.44)
2.134( .05420)	275.51(408.28)	43.90( 302.62)

$RB = 2.146 \text{ IN} = .05451 \text{ M}$        $TB = 272.44 \text{ F} = 406.58 \text{ K}$   
 $PB = 43.78 \text{ PSIA} = 301.81 \text{ KPA}$

THE VAPOR DISTRIBUTION IS:

R, IN(M)	P, PSIA(KPA)
2.154( .05471)	41.77( 287.95)
2.162( .05491)	39.67( 273.45)
2.170( .05511)	37.46( 258.19)
2.178( .05531)	35.11( 242.03)
2.185( .05551)	32.61( 224.78)
2.193( .05571)	29.91( 206.16)
2.201( .05591)	26.95( 185.76)
2.209( .05611)	23.63( 162.91)
2.217( .05631)	19.79( 136.38)
2.225( .05651)	15.00( 103.39)

THE LEAKAGE RATE = .116-05 LBM/SEC = .528-06 KG/SEC  
 THE ABSOLUTE LOAD SUPPORTED BY THIS SEAL = 105. LBF = 465. N

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TINF = 280.0 DEG F = 410.0 DEG K  
 P1 = 45.0 PSIA = 310.2 KPA P2 = 15.0 PSIA = 103.4 KPA  
 R1 = 2.025 IN = .05143 M R2 = 2.225 IN = .05651 M

H = 50.0 MICROINCHES = 1.27 MICRONS  
 OM = 5000.0 RPM = 523.60 RAD/SEC

THIS SEAL ACTS AS A GAS SEAL

THE VAPOR DISTRIBUTION IS:

R, IN (M)	P, PSIA (KPA)
2.045 ( .05194 )	42.86 ( 295.45 )
2.065 ( .05245 )	40.63 ( 280.10 )
2.085 ( .05296 )	38.30 ( 264.01 )
2.105 ( .05347 )	35.84 ( 247.05 )
2.125 ( .05397 )	33.22 ( 229.01 )
2.145 ( .05448 )	30.41 ( 209.62 )
2.165 ( .05499 )	27.34 ( 188.45 )
2.185 ( .05550 )	23.91 ( 164.81 )
2.205 ( .05601 )	19.94 ( 137.44 )
2.225 ( .05651 )	15.00 ( 103.39 )

THE LEAKAGE RATE = .470-06 LBM/SEC = .213-06 KG/SEC  
 THE ABSOLUTE LOAD SUPPORTED BY THIS SEAL = 86. LBF = 381. N

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